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SUBJ OPENING OF WMO TROPICAL EXPERIMENT BOARD (TEB)

FOR GARP TROPICAL EXPERIMENT (GATE)

1. FIFTH SESSION TEB OPENED 3RD DECEMBER. DR. J. MASON (UK) RE-ELECTED UNANIMOUSLY AS CHAIRMAN. ELEVEN MEMBERS OF BOARD ATTENDING. GDR ANNOUNCED AS NEW MEMBER, BUT NOT PRESENT THIS SESSION.

2. REVIEW OF PLANS SHOWED EXCELLENT SUPPORT FOR THE EXPERIMENT. THIRTY-SIX RESEARCH SHIPS AND TWELVE INSTRUMENTED RESEARCH AIRCRAFT WILL TAKE PART.

3. REVIEW OF SCIENTIFIC SUB-PROGRAMS COMPLETED AND ACCEPTED BY BOARD AS SATISFACTORY BASIS FOR OPERATIONAL PLANS. EXCELLENT PROGRESS REPORTED IN OCEANOGRAPHIC SUB-PROGRAM PLANNING.

4. USSR AGREED TO DEPLOY FOUR TO SIX OF TWELVE RADAR MARKER BOUYS. LOGISTIC ARRANGEMENTS TO BE WORKED OUT LATER.

5. AN EARLY TEST OF THE WWW LAND-BASED OBSERVING NETWORKS CONDUCTED LAST AUGUST SHOWED THAT COLLECTION OF BASIC DATA FROM THESE NETWORKS AT WASHINGTON AND BRACKNELL BY PRESENT TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM WAS QUITE POOR. ALTHOUGH SOME IMPROVEMENTS NOW BEING MADE, ALTERNATIVE COLLECTION
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SYSTEM BY LOCAL CENTERS PROPOSED.

6. INFORMAL PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS OF BROAD PROBLEMS, SUCH AS ASECNA CONTRACT, PLANNING FOR CONTINGENCIES (SUCH AS FUEL SHORTAGES, IMPACT OF SAHELIAN DROUGHT, AND ORGANIZATION AND MANNING OF DAKAR OPERATIONS CENTER) HELD SUNDAY WITH KEY REPRESENTATIVES OF USSR, FRG, USA AND ISMG DIRECTORATE. AGENDA WAS SUBSEQUENTLY MODIFIED TO HIGHLIGHT THESE POINTS, WITH NEW ITEM 10: "REVIEW OF OUTSTANDING PROBLEMS", ADDED.
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